Release of funds to West Bengal for Rural landless Employment Guarantee Programme

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the comments made recently by the West Bengal Finance Minister that the State Government had fully utilised Central funds for different rural development and employment generating programmes and in most cases achieved more than the targets fixed by the Centre but it was the Centre which was not releasing the full funds ear-marked for the rural landless Employment Guarantee Programme for this year; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Government has seen the statement of State Finance Minister of West Bengal published in Gan-shakti on 13.1.88. In so far as the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme is concerned, the performance of the State during 1986-87 and 1987-88 is as follows:

During 1986-87, a resource of Rs. 4329.50 lakhs was released to the State under the Programme. The total availability of resource under the Programme including the unutilised balance from the previous year was Rs. 7033.59 lakhs against which the State utilised Rs. 4637.06 lakhs during 1986-87. During 1987-88, a resource of Rs. 4231.16 lakhs has been released. The total resource available with the State Government including the unutilised balance of the previous year is Rs. 6588.51 lakhs against which Rs. 3070.13 lakhs have been utilised upto January, 1988.

As regards the release of funds during 1987-88, the State has an allocation of Rs. 4938.28 lakhs against which resource of Rs. 4231.16 lakhs have been released so far. The entire allocation of 1987-88 could not be released as the State Government had more than permissible carry over under the Programme from the previous year.

Arrest of DDA official for illegal allotment of plots

2588. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 27th February, 1988, regarding the arrest of some DDA officials, for bungling in the allotment of residential and commercial plots/flats;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the particulars of the officials arrested;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in the matter; and

(d) what action has been taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that as per police report received by the authority there are 4 DDA officials involved in the allotment of plots. A case FIR No. 35 dated 28-1-88 under Section 406/420/120-B IPC has been registered by the Crime and Railway Branch of Delhi Police against the following DDA officials arrested by